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9:30am

Tuesday 17th May 2022

I. WARRANT OF ELECTION

The Speaker read out three Warrant of Elections from the Head of State, for the Members of Parliament yet to be sworn. They are as follows:

1. Pursuant to Article 44(1A) of the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa 190 and in accordance with section 84(2) of the Electoral Act 2019, **I, TUIMALEALIIFANO VAALETOA SUALAUVI II**, Head of State, do hereby declare and issue this Warrant of Election to the person named herein to serve as a Member of Parliament of the Independent State of Samoa:

ALATAUA SISIFO: ALIIMALEMANU MOTI MOMOEMASU Alofa Tuuau

GIVEN under my hand at Vailele at this day 20th day of April 2021.

2. Pursuant to Section 82(4) of the Electoral Act 2019, **I, TUIMALEALIIFANO VAALETOA SUALAUVI II**, Head of State, do hereby declare and issue this Warrant of Election to candidate to serve as Member of Parliament of the Independent State of Samoa effective from Monday 29th November 2021 and replaces the warrant issued on the same date:

FAAGASEALII Sapoa Feagiai

GIVEN under my hand at Vailele this 30th day of November 2021.

3. Pursuant to Section 84(2)(b) of the Electoral Act 2019, **I, TUIMALEALIIFANO VAALETOA SUALAUVI II**, Head of State, do hereby declare and issue this Warrant of Election to Candidate name herein to serve as an additional member of the Legislative Assembly of the Independent State of Samoa pursuant to Article 44(1A) (b) and 44(1E) of the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa, effective from Wednesday, 11 May 2022.

TOOMATA Norah Leota

GIVEN, under my hand at Vaialele this 12th day of May 2022.

II. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Before swearing in the new Members, Mr Speaker read out the Code of Parliamentary Ethics (provided in S.O15).

The new Members were then called to stand before the Clerks Table to take their Oath of Allegiance.

) ***Leader of the House, Hon FIAME Naomi Mataafa***

The Hon Prime Minister delivered a Ministerial statement to justify and clarify on the activation of the 10% for women in Parliament as per requirement of the Constitution. In this regard, she further accentuated that the Member TOOMATA Norah Leota was recognised as an additional member in order to fulfill the requirement of Article 44(1E) of the Constitution when LEOTA Tima Leavai resigned from her seat as a Member for Falealupo.

) ***Deputy Leader of Opposition, Hon LAUOFO Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufo***

The Member acknowledged the Hon Prime Minister's clarification on the activation of the 10% and expressed his appreciation on swearing in the additional women in Parliament who will not only assist with the development of Samoa but also contribute in the success of their respective constituencies.

) ***Speaker of the House – Hon PAPALII Lio Oloipola Taeu Masipau***

The Hon Speaker firstly greeted Samoa in all her honorific salutations, the Members of Parliament, his Highness the Head of State and his good lady, the Council of Deputy, the CJ and the Court administration, all respective CEOs, and the different denominations in Samoa.

He then emphasized that whatever difficulties the Assembly goes through, he urged the Members to seek God's Grace and comfort as He will always grant us peace to endure all sorts of predicaments.

He then concluded by conveying his blessings and best wishes to the new sworn-in Members with their Parliamentary duties as well as serving their respective constituency.

III. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MR SPEAKER

The Hon Speaker announced that pursuant to S.O178 (1), he holds a Complaint letter from a Member of Parliament against another Member of Parliament and pursuant to S.O180(1), a copy of the letter is delivered to the accused Member. However, pursuant to S.O180 (2), the Speaker shall not reveal the names of the Members.

Furthermore, the Hon Speaker stated that he will analyze the letter of complaint and make a decision on whether a question of privilege is involved in accordance to S.O178 (2). In this regard, he called on the accused member to submit a written response regarding the complaint by 4pm on Tuesday 24th May 2022 for his consideration. He then informed the House that he will report back on this matter to Parliament on the next sitting scheduled for 31st of May 2022.

IV. PRESENTATIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORTS

A total of two (2) reports from the Economic Sector Committee were tabled.

J) *Member for Vaimauga 1, SULAMANAIA Fetaiai Tauilili Tuivasa*

The Member conveyed his sincere apologies to the Members of Parliament and his constituency for his actions in the previous Parliamentary sitting which caused his suspension from the Chamber on a motion moved in Parliament.

The Member then acknowledged the newly sworn Members and emphasized that the Parliament is finally complete.

V. MOTION BY THE PRIVILEGE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Hon VALASI Luapitofanua Toogamaga Tafito Selesele stated that given that the Committee's findings has yet been finalized in regards to the matter referred to them he moved a motion on the following:

- (i) In reference to S.O 166 (2), the Committee is to seek approval from the Assembly for an extension to give enough time for the Committee to deliberate on the matter;
- (ii) Given that the referred matter is imperative, S.O 30 (2) is to be set aside so that the Assembly will reconvene on Tuesday 24th May 2022 and for the Committee to have its report tabled in Parliament.

The motion was seconded and approved.

❖ SPEAKER

The Speaker emphasized that today's Parliament sitting was not part of the Parliaments Calendar for the year; however, a motion was moved for the Privilege and Ethics Committee to report back to Parliament on the referred matter. Given that a motion by the Committee's Chairperson for an extension to deliberate and finalize the referred matter was moved and approved, the Assembly is to adjourn. In this regard, the Speaker expressed his disappointment on the delay of the Committee's

deliberations on the matter and urged the Members to prioritize their parliamentary duties.

Proceedings were adjourned at 10:22am and to reconvene on Tuesday, 24th May 2022 at 9:30am.